Recognition to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai

2010. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of recognition to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai as an 'Institution of National Importance' analogues to the Asiatic Society of Kolkata is pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when this proposal is pending;

(d) the reasons for delay in taking a decision in this regard; and

(e) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Representations have been received from The Asiatic Society of Mumbai's Employee's Union in this regard.

(b) to (e) They have been duly examined. The suggestion has not been found to be feasible.

Irregularities in Rampur Raza Library

†2011. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious irregularities in Rampur Raza Library (U.P.) operating under the authority of Rampur Raza Library Act, 1975;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any letters from Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly and Public in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far thereon; and

(e) whether Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly have been apprised of the position?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.